

GEN. FOCH SHOWERS BLOWS ON ENEMY

Bass' Slayer Will Hang On October 25

HAMILTON IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY TWO WEEKS AFTER OFFICER IS SLAIN

TRIAL WAS CONCLUDED LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND VERDICT WAS REPORTED PROMPTLY.

Given a Fair Hearing

MURDERED ACCEPTED SENTENCE WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE—SMOKED CIGARETTE AND APPEARED MOST CHEERFUL.

Will Lee Hamilton, thirteen days after he shot and killed Police Officer F. A. Bass, was yesterday afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree in the circuit court by a jury of his peers and was sentenced by Judge Robt. Brickell to hang on October 25. The date of the execution is the earliest that the law could impose.

The verdict was returned about 5:30 o'clock and within less than half an hour from the time that attorneys had concluded their arguments and the jury had received its charge from the bench. The trial was one of the quickest on record. Taking of testimony began at 1:30 o'clock and was concluded shortly after 3:30 o'clock.

Solicitor D. C. Almon, who conducted the prosecution single-handed, opened the argument for the state. He was followed by O. W. Chenault and C. L. Price for the defense. Mr. Almon made the concluding speech.

Hamilton, who throughout the trial has displayed a remarkable nonchalance, was calm as usual when the death sentence was pronounced shortly after the jury had filed in with its unanimous verdict obtained on the first ballot. When asked by Judge Brickell if he had any statement to make he said that he had not. He stood and received the sentence without a trace of emotion. Apparently he was as calm as any person in the court room.

"Have a cigarette," said W. E. Crawford postmaster of Decatur, before the negro was led back to the jail. Hamilton accepted the invitation and expressed his thanks.

"A cigarette was the first thing he asked for after being placed under arrest," said Mr. Crawford, by way of explanation.

Had Fair Trial

Although without money or friends, Hamilton was given a fair trial. He was ably defended by his counsel, who served without compensation. Although realizing that they had a weak case, the attorneys took advantage of every possible legal technicality and did their best to secure a lighter sentence for their client. Judge Brickell presided with great fairness, and had arranged for the suppression of any possible demonstration in the court room that night have influenced the verdict. There was none, however, the large crowd showing no more feeling than if it had been a civil case that was being fought out.

Evidence Was Brief

The evidence was brief, the state calling only a portion of its witnesses and the defense placing only the defendant on the stand. It was 3 o'clock when the prosecution rested its case yesterday afternoon, and at 3:40 the court granted a short recess preliminary to the arguments of attorneys.

Hamilton took the stand in his own behalf and related his version of the tragedy, which was largely at variance with that of other witnesses. He said that he arrived in Decatur at 4:15 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and that it was about dusk on the same day when Officer Bass came to the home of the Sykes woman and asked him in regard to a difficulty he had with her. He knew that Mr. Bass was a patrolman, but "didn't know which one was him." The Sykes woman had gone up on Bank street and at his request the officer

THE BOLSHEVIKI NOW OPENLY ALLIED WITH HUNS FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS

American Citizens in Russia Are Being Ruthlessly Slaughtered.

(International News Service)

Washington, Sept. 21.—American Consul Poole at Moscow has not been molested, the state department was informed by a cable from Norway today. The Norwegian foreign office has learned, said the dispatch, that the American consul, unlike other allied officials, has not even been placed under arrest.

(International News Service) London, Sept. 21.—Two armed Bolshevik ships were sunk in the Tzina river on the sixteenth by allied naval forces and other troops, it was officially announced today.

(International News Service) Copenhagen, Sept. 21.—Americans are being ruthlessly slaughtered by the Bolsheviks in Russia, according to information received here today.

LIEUT. GORMAN R. JONES WOUNDED SLIGHTLY IN THE RECENT FIGHTING

Lieut. Gorman R. Jones, 369th Infantry, a popular Decatur boy who was commissioned from the second officer's training school at Ft. Oglethorpe, and who was among the saved when the transport on which he crossed the English channel was lost, has been wounded in the recent fighting in France, according to a letter received by his sister, Miss Ruby Jones. Lieut. Jones wrote

SOCIETY TO FIGHT PLAGUE FORMED

CLYDE HENDRIX IS PRESIDENT AND MRS. F. F. TIDWELL SECRETARY.

A permanent Anti-Tuberculosis Society for Morgan county was organized at the Decatur City Hall last night, with the following officers and executive committee:

President, Clyde Hendrix.
Secretary, Mrs. F. F. Tidwell.
Treasurer, Herman L. Turner.

Executive committee: Herman L. Turner, Prof. J. Floyd Collins, H. F. Henley, Mrs. F. F. Tidwell and Clyde Hendrix. This committee was empowered to appoint a committee of 25 members for the entire county, thus giving representation to practically every beat in the county.

Dr. Geo. Eaves, secretary of the State Anti-Tuberculosis Society, organized last night's meeting and stated that while the attendance was not large, that more people were present than were at the first meeting of Jefferson county society of similar purpose.

One Xmas Package For Each Soldier

(International News Service)

Washington, Sept. 21.—After

wrestling more than two months with the problem of Christmas gifts for soldiers, the war department announced today that each man overseas might receive just one package from home, which must be mailed on or before November 15.

1,750,000 Sammies Are Now in France

(International News Service)

Washington, Sept. 21.—The American army embarked for "overseas" on the various fronts has passed the 1,750,000 mark, Gen. March announced today.

CLOTHING FOR SHIVERING BELGIANS TO BE COLLECTED BY LOCAL WOMEN

Announcement was made today by coats, two-piece suits, pinapores, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps and stockings, sizes 7 and 8.

Boys—shirts, union suits, undershirts, trousers, coats, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, socks, sizes 1 and 9.

Girls—dresses, skirts, overcoats, nightdresses, drawers, stockings (sizes 1 to 6) undergarments, petticoats, two-piece suits, blouses, shoes.

Infants—swan-skin, swaddling clothes, cradle dresses, sweaters, bonnets, bibs, nickerchiefs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jacket, shawls, socks.

Miscellaneous—bed ticks, bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

The appeal for the clothes is to every home in this section, the Red Cross states, and every home is expected to contribute at least one piece of old, warm clothing.

The Albany and Decatur chairman of the refugee work will announce later the method to be employed in making collections.

BERLIN'S REPLY TO PEACE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN EXPECTED

(International News Service)

Washington, Sept. 21.—Germany's reply accepting the Austrian proposal to talk peace in a non-binding conference was exactly what was expected here. It does not change the situation. The entire incident is a closed book so far as the U. S. is concerned.

Advices received here indicate that the central powers will make another move in their peace maneuvers in the near future. Berlin and Vienna are reported again in conference. Officials, however, very frankly state that nothing definite can come from political moves that do not accept the outlined policy of the U. S., something which the German leaders are not ready to do.

MOEBES TO ENTER REALTY BUSINESS

WILL OPEN OFFICES OCTOBER 1 IN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Otto Moebes, retiring member of the firm of Speake & Moebes, announced today that on October 1 he would open offices in the Post Office building now occupied by A. F. Harris and would engage in the real estate business. It is understood that arrangements have been made for Mr. Harris to continue to occupy part of the building.

Mr. Moebes will specialize in buying, selling and otherwise dealing in Albany and Decatur real estate and farm lands. He is one of the liveliest wires in this section of the state, and his friends predict that he will put some "pep" into the realty game, as well as aiding in the development of the Twin Cities.

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MASONIC THEATRE TODAY

"THE SAFETY CURTAIN"

Norma Talmadge in a Fascinating Role.

Tremendous Scenes; a Fire Panic in a Theatre; a Plague in India; Scenes of Fashionable Anglo-Indian Life Among the Simla Hills.

Another Emotional Triumph

Admission 10, 15 and 25 Cents

YOUNG WOMEN WANTED

We are ready to employ more young women to learn silk weaving. The work is clean and pleasant, the mill is well ventilated. Our weavers can earn \$10 per week when they become as quick as experienced help in other mills.

ALBANY SILK MILL

The Decatur Hosiery Mills are now a permanently established institution which have the best interests of the Twin Cities at heart. We pay the highest piece work prices, some of our girls making from \$10 to \$15 per week. We will have openings from time to time for bright young ladies who are anxious to become skilled in a good-paying and high-class line of work.

DECATUR HOSIERY MILLS DECATUR, ALA.

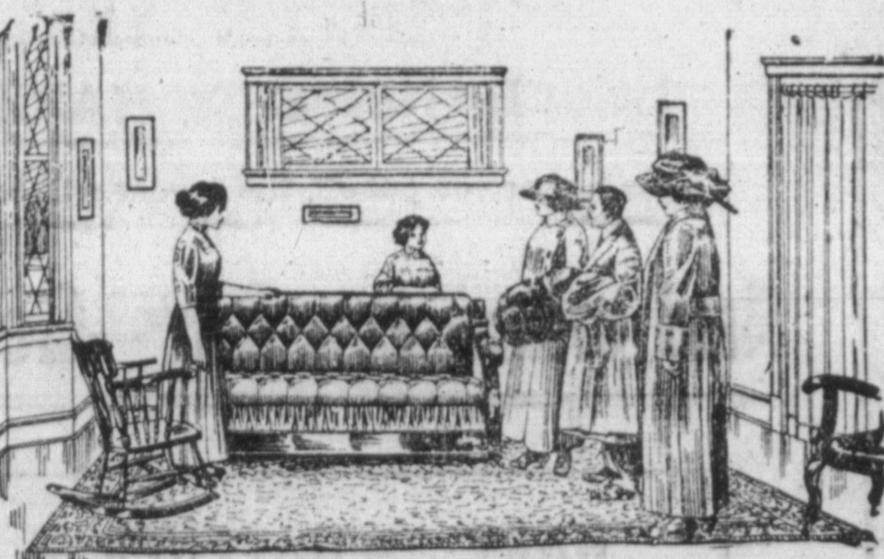
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For the home will surely appreciate the large, complete, snappy stocks we have to show you. Your ideas of how your home should be furnished can be fully realized here. Liberal terms extended to all.

FALL DRESS-UP

For your living room is surely here. Many new suites in velvet and tapestry await your most critical inspection.

We carry a complete selection of rugs, including Viltons, Velvet Brussels, Axminster and Tapestry. All sizes, from a hall runner to 9x12.



BAKING DAY IS A REAL JOY NOW

And what lovely things she bakes in the big oven that heats so quickly, thoroughly and evenly. An oven that is so tight ashes cannot sift in or heat leak out. The oven of the Advance is just one of the reasons for the popularity of this range, which has a hot blast fire box that saves fuel. Be sure and see this range.



SPECIAL FOR MONDAY

One lot big wonder cedar mops and one bottle furniture polish on sale at 8:30, as long as they last at 49c

See them in our window.

One lot aluminum percolators for Monday only at \$1.35

See them in our window

Morgan Furniture Co.

510-12 Second Avenue

SOCIETY

Margaret C. Shelton, Phone 682, Albany

ANNUAL W. M. U. MEETING.

Annual W. M. U. meeting of the Muscle Shoals Association will be held with the Moulton Baptist church Sept. 28th.

The Central Methodist Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. J. A. Foster, 2012 Gordon Drive West, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Everett Harris, Miss Hilda Harris and Theodore Dapten will visit friends and relatives near Hartwell on Sunday.

Mrs. I. D. Carlisle and children have returned from Ohio where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bogler.

Ladies of the Lutheran Unit will meet every Monday at the Red Cross work room. (Signed.) Mrs. Geo. Norwood, chairman.

Miss Madge Bullard left Thursday to visit friends at Memphis, Tenn., Dallas and Ennis, Texas, after which she will enter the University of Texas at Austin.

Get Your ready-to-wear at GARNETT'S EMPORIUM
606 Second Ave., Albany.

CURRY-WILKERSON WEDDING PARTY COMPLIMENTED.

Following the rehearsal of the Curry-Wilkeron wedding at the church last evening, Mesdames S. M. Thompson and W. R. Shelton entertained at the residence of Mrs. Thompson.

The wedding decorative motif was carried in yellow and green expressed in Black-eyed Susans and greens. Wicker baskets of this attractive fall flowers nodded a welcome to the happy party. Jackson vines climbed gracefully on windows and mantels. The dining table was most attractive; the lace draped board was centered by a Florentine basket of the preferred flower, the handle was decorated with a fleecy yellow bow over which hovered brilliant butterflies.

The feature of entertainment was short readings by the talented Miss Fannie Johnson whose selections were choice. As an exponent of "natural expression" she compares favorably with the great readers of the country.

Ices, mints and nuts were served. The ices repeating the decorative motif. Only the wedding party was included in the invitation.

The hostesses received their guests wearing cream colored gowns of serge and silk.

PATRIOTIC PRESBYTERIAN PEOPLE AND THOSE OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

The "Band" of which Mrs. Willy Wyker is chairman, on a pledge for parsonage repairs, went to Irwin on the plantation of Mr. Sam Irwin yesterday in automobiles with a picnic dinner to pick cotton. Mr. Irwin proved a good sport giving each one who picked fifty pounds a bonus of 25c, which with the bets of \$1.00 made with friends that no one would pick 50 lbs., together with a donation from Mr. Irwin realized \$18.50 for the cause. Mrs. Sam Irwin picked 71 lbs., Mrs. Harlow 62 lbs., Mrs. Reese 75 lbs., Miss Sencor 50 lbs., Mrs. Webb 86 lbs., Mrs. Dinsmore 7 lbs., Mrs. Frank Lide 50 lbs., Mrs. John Almon 62 lbs., Mrs. Will Wyke 75 lbs. Mrs. Webb won the Thrift Stamp offered by Mrs. Wyker to one who picked the most. A donation from Mr. McGregor to the "Plucky Pickers" brought the amount up to \$20.00.

DECATUR SING.

The Decatur Community Sing held its initial meeting last night at the city schools auditorium, under most auspicious circumstances. A large crowd was out despite the fact that another important meeting, that of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society at the Decatur City Hall was in progress at the same hour. The damp cool evening seemed only to add ginger to the large class of singers. Miss Bassett, who acted as musical director last night, was high in her praise of the enthusiasm and patriotism manifested. Mrs. Vera Austell, who is community chairman for the sings at Decatur, opened the meeting in an appropriate address. She introduces Hon. E. C. Payne chairman of the Morgan County Council of Defense. Mr. Payne called attention to the great importance that he and all patriotic citizens attach to the spirited singing of patriotic songs, by large companies of people. He encouraged the members of the new sing society to be satisfied with nothing but the best. Miss Florence Bassett county director of the Liberty Chorus expressed her great interest in the sings and her staunch determination to do her all to see that they were a success throughout the county. Mrs. W. C. Bailey is the musical director for Decatur, but Miss Bassett acted in that capacity last night with Mrs. W. C. Bailey as the sole leader of "Love's Old Sweet Song." Mrs. F. S. Hunt, led the chorus "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Miss Gertrude Johnson sang "Daddy Mine" to the pleasure of all. Little Billie McNeill made a hit with the solo: "Hello Central, Give Me the Trenches."

"Joan of Arc" was sung by Miss Mary Pulley. Then "The Old Folks at Home" came as a chorus. The final number was "The Star Spangled Banner" with all the audience standing. The Decatur sings are to remain a permanent fixture, and all patriotic people are invited to cooperate.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS
The members of Mizpah Chapter, No. 19, are hereby notified that Mrs. Amy Carle, Grand Matron of the O. E. S., of state of Alabama, will hold a school of instruction here, Sept. 23rd, at 2 p. m., and 8 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

MRS. L. W. WARNER,
Worthy Matron
MISS RUBY JONES,
Secretary

PERSONALS

Lamar and Jeff Eyster, sons of Judge John C. Eyster, will leave today for the University of Alabama. On October 1 they will be inducted into the army and will receive military training at the University. A third brother, Chas. H. Eyster, is now in a naval training school.

Atlee H. Hoff is at Leuville, N. C.

Clyde Nichols, of the naval reserves has been ordered to report at Norfolk, Va., on September 24 for active service.

Edgar Nichols, of the U. S. marines, has been transferred from Paris Island to Quantico, Va., to complete his training and expects to sail soon for overseas service.

Dr. B. E. Preuit has returned from business trip to Nashville.

W. A. Hill, formerly of the Preuit-Dillehay Drug Co., leaves Camp Gor-

don today for Camp Mills, L. I., and will soon sail for overseas. He has been in the military service one year today.

R. L. O'Neil, postmaster of Huntsville, was in the city today. Mr. O'Neil was publisher for many years of the Huntsville Mercury.

Mrs. F. A. Bass has returned to Decatur.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ALBANY

Sunday School 9:45 a. m., C. L. Buck, superintendent.

The pastor will preach morning and evening services. Subject at morning service, "The Victory of Love." Evening service, "How to Know Jesus Better."

R. F. STUCKEY, Pastor.

Garnett's Emporium is the place for Gloves, Blouses, One-piece Dresses Coats and Suits

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OUR FALL STOCK of Men's Women's and Children's

SHOES

Has Arrived
REASONABLE PRICES
We are also prepared to do your
SHOE REPAIRING

M. FREEMAN

Second Ave—Across from P. O.

STAR THEATRE

MONDAY

"THE DAWN OF LOVE"

A World Feature of Unusual Beauty
With the Charming French Star

SUSAN GRANDAISE

DELITE THEATRE

MONDAY

STAR THEATRE—TUESDAY

Jesse L. Lasky

Presents

Cecil B. DeMille's Production

"We Can't Have Everything"

From Rupert Hughes' Novel

Featuring

KATHLYN WILLIAMS and ELLIOTT DEXTER
A Wonderful Comedy-Drama Based on the Restless Spirits of the Times.

ADMISSION—10 and 20 Cents

Here, Sir, Is The Very Suit For You!

Our winter stocks contain YOUR suit—the one you would choose above all others, even if the stocks of the metropolitan stores were placed at your disposal.

Better suits are not to be had! In spite of the scarcity of woolen fabrics, these suits are well made of desirable and dependable materials that will hold both shape and color, and that will give long and satisfactory service, at reasonable prices.

\$10.00 to \$30.00

WINTER UNDERWEAR

Combination of Warmth and Comfort.

The best of the better makes of underwear, from which the fastidious woman will easily make selection.

It is warm, yet not at all heavy in weight; it fits snugly without binding and without bulging. Durable, serviceable qualities, at wide range of prices:

MEN'S 75c to \$2.50
WOMEN'S 75c to \$2.50
CHILDREN'S 25c to \$1.50

FOR THE BOY WHO'S "HARD ON HIS CLOTHES"

Here is clothing as good as can be made anywhere. Sturdy suits and overcoats for future citizens. Made of high-class fabrics, and tailored as carefully as the better grade of men's clothing. And prices are consistently moderate for suits and overcoats of such good qualities.

Bring YOUR youngster here and see how satisfactorily we can please his taste and yours.

\$5.00 to \$15.00

WARM BLANKETS FOR "HEATLESS" NIGHTS

The bitter cold nights we will soon be having are robbed of their terrors by these cozy, comfortable blankets. Buy several of them now and be prepared.

We purchased these blankets long ago when wholesale prices were moderate. Since then they have advanced greatly in price, but we give our customers the full benefit of the savings we made. That is why our prices on these blankets are so reasonable.

\$2.00 to \$10.00

A WORD OF SHOE COMFORT

To produce absolute comfort, a shoe must be modeled along orthopedic lines by a shoe maker who possesses an intimate knowledge of the physical construction of the foot. The leathers, workmanship and style must be flawless.

Our Regal for men, Drew for women, Humpty-Dumpty and Walter for children are perfect fitting. They are correctly modeled of selected leathers, and stocks are so large that a perfectly comfortable fit is assured everyone.



Special for Monday

35c Bleached Muslin

at 24c

10 yards to customer only

DRY-CHEM

OUTFITTERS TO THE FAMILY
CORNER 2ND AVE. & GRANT ST.

**Hamilton is Found
Guilty by a Jury**
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was discharged.

Hamilton called attention to a scar or abrasion on his left arm, near the elbow, which he said had been caused

by powder burns when Officer Bass' pistol was discharged.
"When he fired the gun he dropped it and I reached after it," the witness stated. Without waiting to ascertain if Mr. Bass was dead or injured, Hamilton said that he jumped up, picked the revolver up from where it had fallen and ran down

Pond street. Under cross examination he detailed his movements, telling how he had gone to the home of the Sykes woman's sister on Crawford Row. After staying there for about 30 minutes he had walked away and had come back shortly afterwards for a drink of water. He stayed but a short while, then pro-

ceeded across town toward the Southern Railway tank where he had slept in the weeds the remainder of Saturday night and all day Sunday, catching a freight train for Sheffield Sunday night at 10 o'clock. He fired the engine and worked his way Monday and Tuesday nights he worked as a fireman at Sheffield and was arrested Wednesday. He admitted that when arrested he gave the name of "Will Thomas." In explanation of why he had secreted himself in the weeds, the defendant said that he feared the officer would arrest him.

Brown Examined

Frank Brown, undertaker, was the first witness called. He stated that Mr. Bass had been shot in the right side below the nipple, the bullet lodging in his body under the skin. He stated that there was a slight red place on the right arm, in line with the other wound had the officer's arm been raised at the time the shot was fired.

Jim Williams, a negro, the second witness, stated that he heard Alice Bridgeforth say "don't let him kill Mr. Bass" and that he heard the shot fired. Hamilton had the pistol in his hand following its discharge. The defendant was lying on Bass when the shot was fired. He went to Mr. Bass and extinguished his clothing, which had been set on fire.

Rosa Chaney

Rosa Chaney also told of witnessing the killing, her testimony corroborating that of other witnesses for the state. Hamilton had attacked Bass with the razor when the latter stepped back to pull his pistol and fell. Mr. Bass got up after being shot and walked about eight feet.

Matthias Chaney told practically the same story.

Alice Bridgeforth, a well-known negro woman, stated that she was standing on Bank street when Lockert T. Sykes, a negress, approached and told of Hamilton having threatened her with a razor. The officer had then gone down Pond street, returning a few moments later to the corner of Bank street, accompanied by Hamilton. After the Sykes woman had asked that Hamilton be arrested the officer said "Come on" and Hamilton attacked him with a razor. The officer backed away, slipped and fell and Hamilton jumped on him and after a tussle shot him with his own gun. After the shooting, she said, a man who had approached had been warned not to come on, or he would shoot again. This feature of the testimony was also substantiated by other witnesses.

Bass' Last Words

Patrolman Bass' last words were "Halbrooks tell my wife," according to the testimony of G. C. Halbrooks, a former member of the Decatur police force. Halbrooks was standing in front of the Owl Drug Store, just at dusk, when he saw Hamilton, more than a block away, advance on Mr. Bass with a razor. He started hurriedly to the scene, and when Hamilton made a second lunge with the razor he began to run. He saw Mr. Bass step back a pace or two, then turn to run and fall on his face. As the officer turned on his left side, Hamilton jumped on him and shot him once. He saw Bass then get up and walk 15 to 30 steps into Bank street, while the negro fled down Pond. He went to Mr. Bass and the latter told him that he had been shot by Hamilton. Bass probably lived a half minute after Halbrooks reached him.

M. B. Donaldson

M. B. Donaldson, an employee of the Southern Railway Company, passed between the officer and the negro as they stood talking and walked some 30 steps down Bank street when he heard the scuffle begin and turned and ran back. He saw the negro strike with his razor, then jump on Bass when the latter fell. Hamilton grappled Bass' revolver with his left hand and the officer's throat with his right, he testified. He didn't see the gun fired.

This witness was the only one who said that the officer dropped his revolver when he fell and that it was picked up by the negro.

Mr. Bass' pistol was placed in evidence by the state, just before it rested in rebuttal. The weapon was loaded with the exception of one empty chamber.

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